

**EVANS SURPRISED**

**Sandy Hook Forts Fire on U. S. Warships.**

**SHAM BATTLE MANEUVERS**

**Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth Use Battleships Connecticut and Alabama As Supposed Hostile Fleet and Sunk Them Three Times.**

NEW YORK, June 15.—The battleships Connecticut and Alabama, in command of Rear Admiral R. D. Evans were trebly destroyed while passing through the Narrows on their way from the Jamestown Exposition to the New York Navy Yard. Admiral Evans who evidently had not been apprised of the war game which has been going on at the Narrows, for a week past, was a much amazed man at the sudden roar of the guns at Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth.

He rushed to the bridge of the Connecticut and gazed at one of the forts, and then at the others. One of his officers enlightened him about the sham "war" between forts manned by regular coast artillerymen and National Guardsmen and small boats manned by regulars representing a hostile fleet, the purpose of which was to test the alertness of the guardians of the sea approach to New York City.

The officers at Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth learned from Fort Hancock at Sandy Hook that two real battleships were passing in the hook. It was jokingly decided to "destroy them" and the forts "gunners" turned out accordingly. The fog was dense and the Alabama got within 2,000 yards of Fort Wadsworth before being seen. The Connecticut was about 500 yards astern, as the two mortars were fired at the two battleships. Presently it was announced at the forts that the battleships had been sunk. Nevertheless the 12 and 6-inch guns were used and the result was double destruction. Hastily, the supposititious mines in the narrows were exploded and for the third time the Connecticut and Alabama were annihilated. The war game is now ended and New York was saved from "capture," but Fort Wadsworth was crippled and rendered useless, according to the rules, because a landing party of ten regulars from Fort Hancock led by Lieutenant R. H. Jordan, made its way through the Narrows, landed at Stapleton, stole into the fort reservation seized the power house and turned off the lights. This meant the fort was put out of action because there was no current to fire the guns. Lieutenant Jordan is the hero of the fighting, inasmuch as he proved what might be done to the city's defense in real war.

**CIGAR MAKERS' STRIKE.**

**Paralyzes Industry and Greatly Decreases Exports.**

HAVANA, June 15.—The cigarmakers' strike is paralyzing the industry. The most recent compilation of statistics by experts shows a rapid decline since February 23, the date of the beginning of the strike. The total number of cigars exported in five months this year was 63,897,000 against 105,111,000 for the corresponding month last year. The value of the exports during this period was \$4,277,000 compared with \$6,632,000 during the corresponding period of 1906.

**JAP MINISTERS CONFER.**

**Last Incident Reported Not Grave Enough For Diplomatic Action.**

OKIO, June 15 (Evening).—It has American question held yesterday by the elder statesmen and ministers, announced that the last incident reported in connection with the attacks upon

**A MORSEL OF MONEY!  
PLENTY OF TIME!!  
LAND AND PROFIT!!!**

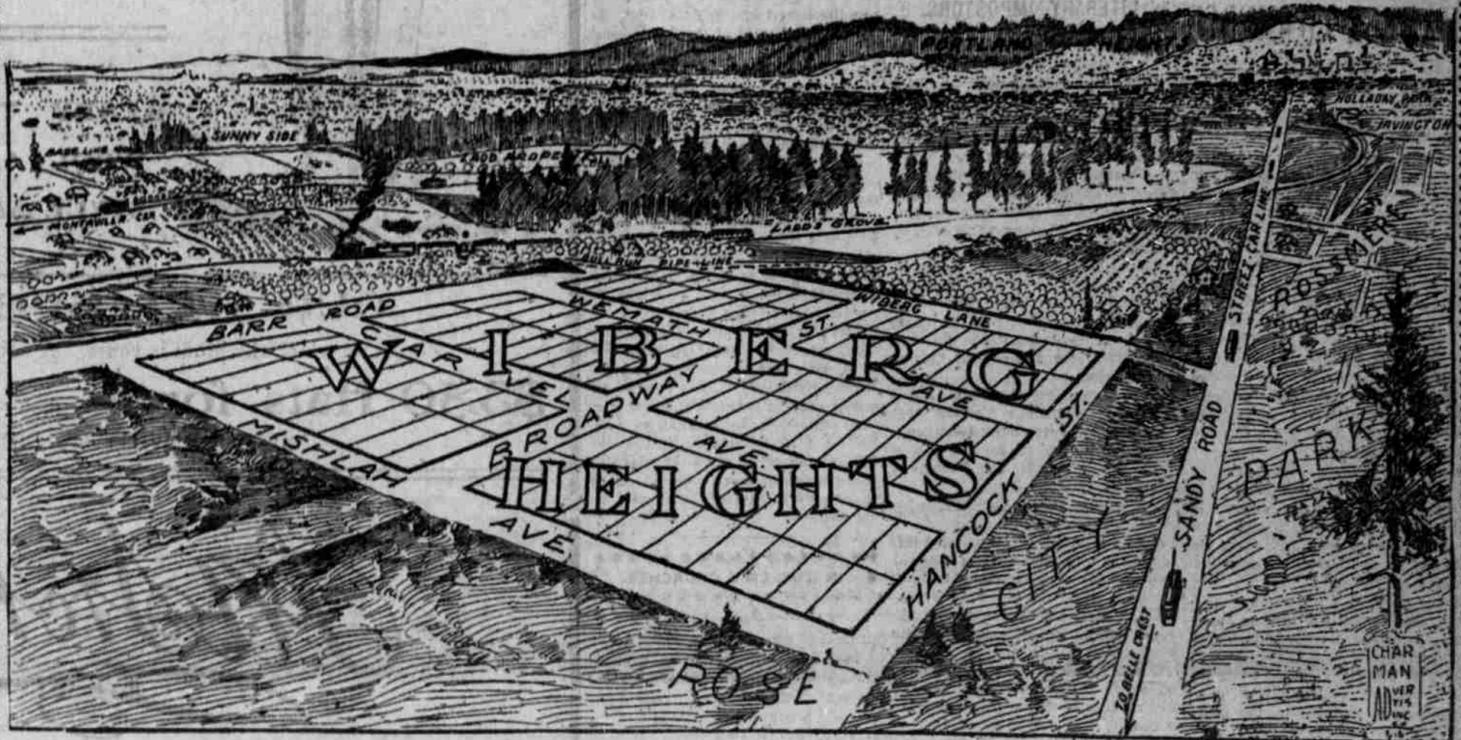
This Simple Combination Becomes Essentially Valuable When You Apply It to a

**Wiberg Heights Lot**

Now quoted among the choicest of Portland's Realty Offerings. The moment of realization compensates for years of longing!

Buy a piece of property that will increase in value, one that you can buy on a small payment down and a small amount each month. You'll never miss it and almost before you know it you'll own a handsome piece of property that while you are paying for it will have increased in value almost 100 per cent.

Why wait? Why lose? Why want? When opportunity is made so conspicuously plain as this, to delay is to deny the main chance and deliberately forfeit good fortune.



The above is a cut of what is conceded by all who have seen it, the handsomest peice of residence property in the city of Portland. It is high and level, affords a view of the whole city of Portland. The lots are selling like hot cakes from

**\$500.00 TO \$650.00**

\$40 down and \$10 per month. This includes all street improvements, including Bull Run water, cement walks and curbs all paid for. Building restriction \$1500. The above prices will increase steadily and will all be sold before July 1st. Over one half sold in 10 days. Take our advice and buy at once.

An Ideal Home Spot! A Rational Investment! And Profitable Either Way! You're up in the sunshine on Wiberg Heights! Not hidden away on gulch levels; in instant touch with the city, and all civic improvements guaranteed with the original purchase price! Come in tomorrow morning and make a reservation. We will honor it for one week! Plat on file at our office!

**Columbia Trust Company,**

Astoria Savings Bank Building, Astoria.

Couch Building, Portland

been learned that Foreign Minister Viscount Hayashi, at a conference on the Japanese residents in California was not grave enough to warrant diplomatic action. The views of both governments are fully in accord and the trust is expected that the Federal Government at Washington will furnish a speedy solution of the question at issue.

**HEAVY TAX FOR BACHELORS.**

**Baltimore's Mayor Makes Strong Suggestions On Subject.**

BALTIMORE, June 14.—Baltimore is planning to increase its revenues through taxation, and during the discussion by the commission in the city hall today. Mayor Mahool advanced the suggestion that a tax be levied on the bachelors. "I should think that \$1000 a year would be the right assessment," said the Mayor. "In fact, the rich ones should be levied upon to the limit and only allowed enough of their incomes to live on bread and water. Many of the wealthy bachelors, when asked about the matter today, strongly opposed the suggestion. Attorney General Bryn said he thought the scheme of taxing a bachelor four times as much as a license for a saloon was burdensome, to say the least.

**FINANCES DEPRESSED.**

**Financial Community Gratiified Over Hughes' Vetoing 2-Cent Fare.**

NEW YORK, June 15.—Factors of depression have overbore those of cheerfulness in the making of financial sentiment this week. The prospect of tension in the half yearly money settlements looms before the markets. An important failure in the structural steel trade suggested unpleasant analogies of consequences from a large tie-up of capital for extensions at a time when credit is at a premium. Confidence over the crop promise has been materially increased. The financial community was gratified also by the contents of Gov-

ernor Hughes in vetoing the New York 2-cent railroad fare bill. The registration of demand for securities left prices readily responsive to light selling pressure.

**MANUFACTURERS' CONVENTION.**

**Makers of Surgical Instruments Elect Officers.**

NEW YORK, June 15.—The surgical instrument makers of the United States and Canada who have been holding a convention at the Hotel Astor, which commenced last Wednesday, wound up yesterday. The delegates were elaborately entertained by the members of the trade in Greater New York. William Lentz, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the association for the coming year; George Jaffray, of Buffalo, first vice-President; J. F. Hartzel, of Detroit, Secretary; and Charles Lentz, Jr., of Philadelphia, Treasurer.

☐ Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

**JAPANESE GOODS.**

**INEXPENSIVE**

**JAPANESE FIXINGS, MADE OF BAMBOO, LIGHT, STRONG, HAND-MADE, TABLES, STANDS, CHAIRS, WHAT-NOTS, CASKETS, SHELVING, ETC.**

**Yokohama Bazaar**  
625 Commercial St., Astoria.

**SCOW BAY IRON & BRASS WORKS**

ASTORIA, OREGON

**IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS' LAND AND MARINE ENGINEERS**

Up-to-Date Saw Mill Machinery Prompt attention given to all repair work  
18th and Franklin Ave. Tel. Main 2451

**BUILD UP!  
DRINK MALT!**

**Star Brewery Special Brew**

Noted for it's

**PURITY QUALITY  
CLEANLINESS**

A Great Appetizer, Equal to Imported Stout

**\$1.75 the dozen**

**AMERICAN IMPORTING CO.**

589 Commercial Street



**Peter Painter says**  
When paint peels off and looks dead it's a case of Sun stroke.  
**Patton's Sun-Proof Paint**  
was never known to be overcome by the Sun

Patton's Sun-Proof Paint represents the only true principle of scientific paint-making, combining the highest degree of beauty with the greatest covering capacity and durability. It does not peel, crack or chalk off. Send for book and color card (free) to PATTON PAINT CO., Lake Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Allen Wall Paper & Paint Company**  
Sole Agents

11th & Bond Sts.

Astoria, Oregon